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New Jersey Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
Proudly Presents
**19th Annual Deaf and Hard of Hearing
Awareness Day**

featuring

At the Showcase Theater 2:00 p.m.

Theater TOYS

Saturday, June 14, 2003

10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

**Six Flags Great Adventure
Jackson, NJ**



Dear Deaf and Hard of Hearing Awareness Day Guests,

As our 30th season begins at Six Flags Great Adventure, we are again honored to host the 19th Annual Deaf and Hard of Hearing Awareness Day on **Saturday, June 14, 2003**. New for 2003: Take Flight with the Man of Steel . . . **SUPERMANULTIMATE FLIGHT**. Soar to new heights and defy the laws of gravity as you dive head-first through highly-banked curves, spirals and an outrageous pretzel-shaped inverted loop at 60 m.p.h.! It is the only coaster of its kind in the Northeast!

As always, Six Flags continues to present all of its other world-class shows and attractions that are sure to please guests of all ages!

Please visit sixflags.com for updated concert, show and special event information.

We will continue to have the following features available at this year's event:

- 4 FM Assistive Listening Devices available at show facilities
- 4 TTY phones at Guest Relations, Security and First Aid - Stations
- 4 Guest Accessibility Guidebooks will be available at Guest Relations
- 4 Wheelchairs and strollers for rent

Six Flags Great Adventure would like to pay special recognition to Charlotte and George Karras for their 15 years of dedicated service, faith and commitment to Deaf and Hard of Hearing Awareness Day. We also want to welcome Lauren Lercher as she begins to take over for Charlotte in the coordination of all of the agencies' ticket sellers. And finally, as always, we would like to thank the staff of the Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and all of the agency volunteers who donate their time every year to coordinating this amazing event. We continue to look forward to many more successful years of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Awareness Day at Six Flags Great Adventure. Looking forward to seeing you on June 14th!

Sincerely,

Stephen Heard

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Regional Sales Manager



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Dear Friends:

We will again gather at Six Flags Great Adventure Theme Park to celebrate our nineteenth (19th) Annual Deaf and Hard of Hearing Awareness Day on June 14, 2003. We have come a long way since our first event, 19 years ago - thanks to you, our loyal supporters!

The Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DDHH) recognizes that its annual awareness events educate the public about various communication tools such as interpreters, assistive listening devices (ALDSs) and captioning for those who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, Late Deafened and Deaf-Blind. These will be available in the Showcase Theatre during the performance.

This year, we will have one act, Theater TOYS, which will begin at 2:00 p.m. in the Showcase Theater.

We are confident that you will, once again, have a wonderful time.

Sincerely,

DDHH Staff

Theater TOYS

history

Theater TOYS is an internationally acclaimed group that was formed in 1985 in St. Petersburg, Russia.

The ensemble has used mime and gesture stories enhanced by rhythms to delight both Deaf and hearing audiences in such locations as Finland, Norway, Germany, the Netherlands, and Poland. They have also performed at the National Association of the Deaf (NAD) Convention 2000 in Virginia; the Russian Cultural Centre (affiliated with the Russian Embassy), the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts; and the recent "Deaf Way II" Conference, all in Washington, D.C. They have made many other appearances around North America as part of their current tour. Theater TOYS also sponsors various children's events and visits schools for the Deaf all over the country in states such as Pennsylvania, New York, Virginia, Alaska, Wisconsin, Maine, Michigan, etc.



The four performers, Vassily Solonitsky, Ludmila Romanovskaya, Alexander Filimonov, and Ilya Goltsov, and the Director, Oleg Golovushkin, all Deaf themselves, use the universal language of humor to entertain their audiences and to provide glimpses into the Russian and Deaf cultures.

the audience says . . .

"Theater TOYS use a unique style that combines different kinds of theatre genres: pantomime, dance and clowning. Anyone, regardless of language, race, age and belief will understand and enjoy the show. We were children once. This show allows us to go back to our childhood and reflect on the best times we had," related *Oleg Golovushkin, Director, Theater TOYS.*

"Dear TOYS,
You are a really good show! You were cool! You are the best show I ever saw!"

Amanda, Elementary School, Lake Drive School for the Deaf, New Jersey

"Dear Performers,
I like when you were playing ping-pong, because it was funny. Also, I like, 2nd best, was when you had the small guy control you! It was cool when you threw the big ball in the crowd. I wish you can come again and perform for us. PLEASE!"

Your friend, Georgia, 3rd Grade, McAuliffe School, Lowell, MA

Antonette "Vic" Crosta Will Emcee Event

Antonette "Vic" Crosta has been selected to emcee the performance at the showcase Theater which will feature Theater TOYS. A native of New Jersey, she had performed a long time ago in schools just for fun. It wasn't until several years ago that she realized she could parlay her talent into a career. When she lived in Florida, she joined the South Florida Theatre of the Deaf, which is located in Fort Lauderdale. After that, she became a free-lance performer, doing mostly stand-up routines. Presently, she is an actress for the Little Theatre of the Deaf, a subsidiary of the National Theatre of the Deaf. She also is a former Miss Deaf New Jersey, reigning in the years of 1983-85.



New Jersey Relay Service

AT&T is Proud to Sponsor
The Entertainment at the
19th Annual
Deaf & Hard of Hearing
Awareness Day
at
Six Flags Great Adventure
on
June 14, 2003

Visit our information table which will be near the Awareness Day ticket booth,
from 9:30 A.M. - noon outside the park and also near
the Showcase Theater at 1:30 P.M.

How to get There

Six Flags Great Adventure
Route 537
Jackson, NJ 08527
(732) 928-1821 Voice

From New Jersey Area: Take NJ Turnpike to Exit 7A, I-195 East to Exit 16A or Garden State Parkway, Exit 98, I-195 West to Exit 16, then one mile West on Rte. 537 to Six Flags.



From Philadelphia: Take the Ben Franklin Bridge to Route 38 East. Proceed to Route 295 North to NJ Turnpike North to Exit 7A. Take I-195 East to Exit 16A, then one mile West on Rte. 537 to Six Flags.

From New York Area: Take the George Washington Bridge, Lincoln Tunnel or Holland Tunnel to NJ Turnpike South to Exit 7A. Proceed on I-195 East to Exit 16A, then one mile West on Rte. 537 to Six Flags.

Alternative Transportation: NJ Transit offers bus service from New York City, Newark, Camden & Philadelphia to Six Flags Great Adventure. For the bus operating schedule, call New Jersey Transit at (800) 772-2222 in New Jersey, (800) 626-7433 outside New Jersey or (800) 772-2287 TTY.

THE WORLD'S GREATEST SUPER HERO WILL TAKE TO THE SKIES AT

State-of-the-art Flying Coaster, SUPERMAN – ULTIMATE FLIGHT, to Be the Only One of Its Kind in the Northeast

JACKSON, N.J. – Preparing for its 29th season of delivering record-breaking thrills, Six Flags Great Adventure announced an astonishing, next-generation roller coaster of epic proportions.

SUPERMAN – ULTIMATE FLIGHT, will be launching in the spring of 2003. Based on the DC Comics Super Hero **SUPERMAN**, the World's Greatest Super Hero and a timeless American icon, **SUPERMAN – ULTIMATE FLIGHT** will be the only coaster of its kind in the Northeast.

SUPERMAN – ULTIMATE FLIGHT's strong stature and phenomenal airborne experience promise mere mortals the opportunity to soar like super heroes and fly freely like never before.

"The name Superman evokes images of breathtaking, airborne adventure," said Tim Black, Six Flags Great Adventure, Wild Safari and Hurricane Harbor General Manager. "Superman – Ultimate Flight combines the world's best high-tech ride elements

with an exclusive, high-flying twist, making it the most unique roller coaster to hit this region."

The adventure begins as passengers board the sleek, 28-seat train sitting four abreast. As the train exits the station, passengers tilt face-first into flying position suspended from the track above.

The anticipation builds as passengers, secured by specially designed over-the-shoulder harnesses and lap bars, climb the 115-foot lift hill with nothing but a bird's eye view below.

Upon take-off, the ride enters a series of sharp dives, highly banked curves and spirals, uniquely designed to enhance the flying experience.

The signature feature of **SUPERMAN – ULTIMATE FLIGHT** comes as riders sail through a 78-foot, pretzel-shaped inverted loop, climbing to the top of the large looping figure, and diving into a curve which brings them amazingly close to the ground, amplifying the sensational feeling of flying.

Rounding out the flight is a surprising 360-degree, in-line roll, just before the train enters the station, turning average thrill-seekers into high-flying super heroes.



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“As the theme park with the most rides on the planet, we are thrilled to offer the greatest jaw-dropping, heart-pounding experience of 2003,” Black said.

“Superman – Ultimate Flight’s innovative design system and state-of-the-art technology make it a ‘must ride’ for every theme park enthusiast.”

SUPERMAN – ULTIMATE FLIGHT’s remarkable flight pattern covers more than 2,759 feet of tortuously twisted steel track, reaching speeds of 60 mph. As passengers take flight in the space-age train, the track above is virtually invisible, creating an intense sensation that makes the nearly three-minute ride seem much faster.

“Our guests expect the best in thrills and entertainment. Following the success of the mammoth NITRO mega coaster, SUPERMAN – ULTIMATE FLIGHT is the perfect compliment to the park’s super-sized coaster collection,” Black said.

Six Flags Great Adventure will now offer 13 wide-ranging roller coaster thrills, including intensely tall and fast, floorless, suspended, launching, wooden and child-sized thrills.

“Six Flags Great Adventure’s awesome collection of coasters easily contains the largest group of cutting-edge thrillers of any park, anywhere,” said life-long coaster enthusiast and historian Steve Urbanowicz, author of *The Roller Coaster Lover’s Companion*. “In 2003, those ready to take flight will be amazed at the comfort and ease by which they are lifted to the sky and made to soar. SUPERMAN – ULTIMATE FLIGHT is the only way to fly!”

SUPERMAN – ULTIMATE FLIGHT will be the park’s fourth coaster designed by Swiss engineers Walter Bolliger and Claude Mabillard, considered by many as the industry’s premier roller coaster manufacturers. Bolliger and Mabillard’s other three Six Flags Great Adventure coasters -- NITRO, Medusa and BATMAN THE RIDE – consistently rank among the park’s five most popular rides.

For more park information, call (732) 928-1821 Voice or visit Six Flags Great Adventure on the Web at sixflags.com.

Six Flags Great Adventure theme park, Six Flags Wild Safari Animal Park and Six Flags Hurricane Harbor Water Park in Jackson, NJ, comprise America’s largest regional family entertainment complex. The combined 2,200-acre facility, located midway between Philadelphia and New York City, is part of Six Flags, Inc.

Six Flags, Inc. is the world’s largest regional theme park company with a total of 39 parks in North America, Europe and Latin America. Six Flags parks serve 35 of the 50 largest metropolitan areas in the United States. Six Flags is a publicly held corporation with corporate offices in New York City and Oklahoma City. The Company’s stock trades on the NYSE under the symbol: PKS. America Online Keyword: Six Flags.

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Awareness Day

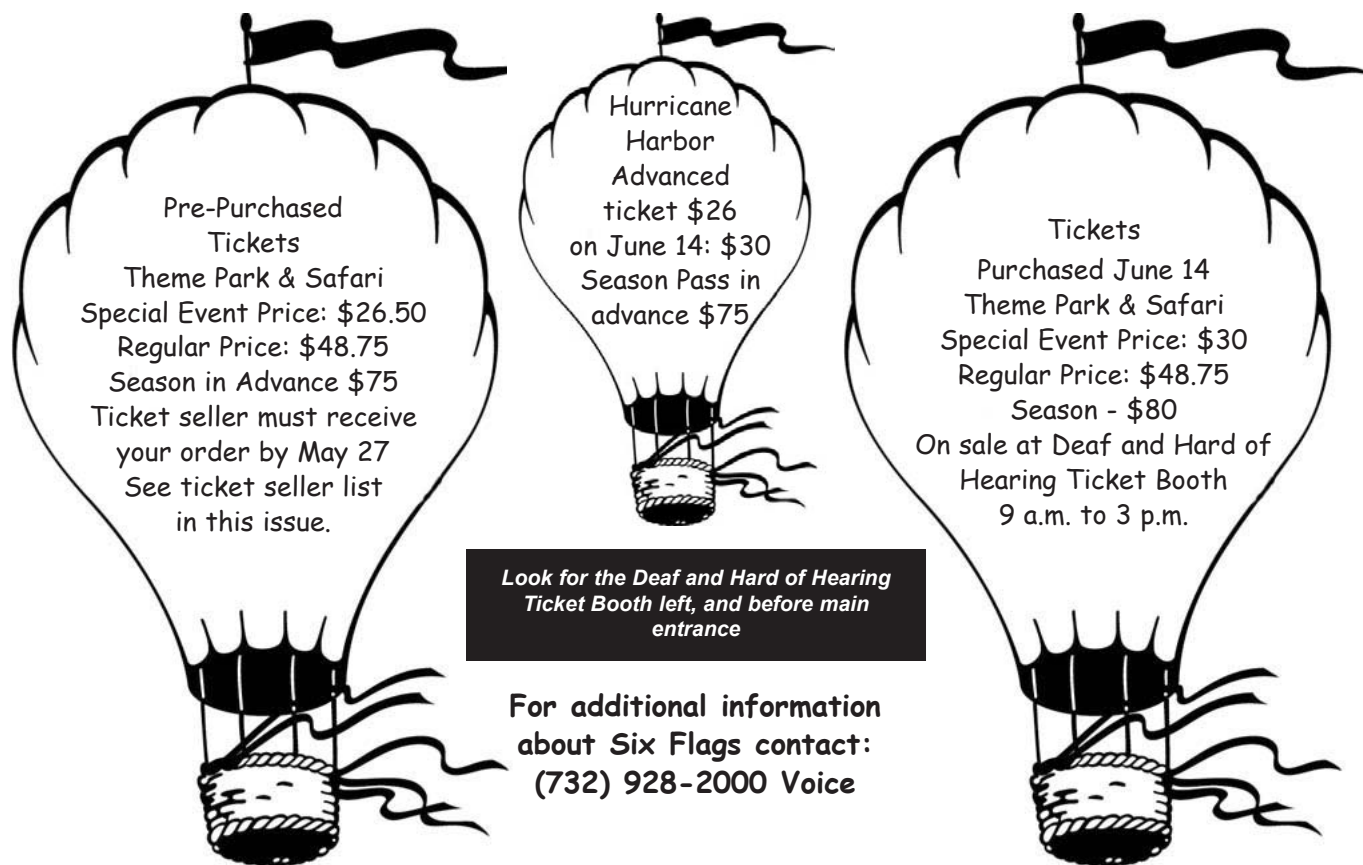
Saturday, June 14, 2003

10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Enjoy thrills, chills, special entertainment, friends and fun.

Interpreters, captioning and assistive
listening devices available. Performance
in the afternoon in the Showcase Theatre by:

Theater TOYS



Pre-Purchased
Tickets
Theme Park & Safari
Special Event Price: \$26.50
Regular Price: \$48.75
Season in Advance \$75
Ticket seller must receive
your order by May 27
See ticket seller list
in this issue.

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Advanced
ticket \$26
on June 14: \$30
Season Pass in
advance \$75

Tickets
Purchased June 14
Theme Park & Safari
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Regular Price: \$48.75
Season - \$80
On sale at Deaf and Hard of
Hearing Ticket Booth
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

*Look for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
Ticket Booth left, and before main
entrance*

For additional information
about Six Flags contact:
(732) 928-2000 Voice



19th Annual Deaf and Hard of Hearing Awareness Day

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New Jersey Deaf Awareness Week, Inc.
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New Jersey Rainbow Association of the Deaf
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New Jersey Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf
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Signs of Sobriety
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South Jersey Deaf Golf Association
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29 Oak Hill Drive
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3608 Park Avenue
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**Send name, address, phone, and number of tickets to a seller listed above before May 27, 2003.
Check or money orders only. Include a self-addressed stamped envelope.
Additional info: greatadventure@njad.org or Ladala14@aol.com**

Some Facts About Deaf and Hard of Hearing Awareness Day

Six Flags Great Adventure, Jackson, NJ

- 2 DDHH started this successful annual program in New Jersey in 1984.
- 2 DDHH recommended Six Flags Great Adventure appoint a ticket sales coordinator through the New Jersey Association of the Deaf (NJAD).
- 2 DDHH recommended NJAD enlist other Deaf and Hard of Hearing organizations to help share in the fund raising and ticket sales. These organizations receive a percentage for each ticket sold.
- 2 DDHH expanded this program to *Deaf and Hard of Hearing Awareness Day*, making sure the accessibility needs of all people with hearing loss are satisfied.
- 2 DDHH recommended that NJAD and New Jersey Deaf Awareness Week, Inc. (NJ DAW) become partners in administering ticket sales to help raise funds for September's Deaf Awareness Week Projects, including the biennial Deaf Fest. This partnership means that NJAD and NJ DAW split the administrative fee that is part of each ticket sold.

DDHH supports its annual program as follows:

- 2 Schedules all performers for the Awareness Day program which is funded by AT&T NJ Relay Services.
- 2 Selects, coordinates and pays for all communication access from 10:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M.
- 2 Publishes and distributes over 8,000 special edition Monthly Communicator newsletters to announce and promote this event.
- 2 Distributes 90,000 state pay check inserts advertising this event.

19th Annual

Interpreters, Assistive Listening Devices, Realtime Captioning

Stations

**First Aid/Security
Awareness Day Ticket Booth
Main Gate/Theme Park Entrance
Guest Relations/Main Park
Guest Relations/Safari Park
Photo Greeters
Photo Booth (photo pick-up)
Stroller Rental**

Shows

**Bugs Bunny Kids Show
Dolphin Show
Water Ski Show

Showcase Theater-Theater TOYS**

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